

September 9, 2021

MHS PTO MEETING NOTES

Superintendent Kenji Matsudo's Report:

Update on District:

As a school district, we have an operating and bond issue on the ballot that is connected to the growing enrollment. 5 years since the last levy. As a community, we are thriving and this is drawing people to Madeira. We have 161 Kindergarteners enrolled this year. We have added 4 modular units to the elementary school to accommodate the growth. In the 23-24 school year, the middle school we be out of space. In the 23-24 school year, we will become a K-5 elementary school, 6-8 middle school and a 9-12 high school. We are planning on an addition to the elementary school. The proposed level is 1 vote up or down. 1.0 mill bond levy for construction of the addition. 5.2 mil operating levy. Total levy of 6.2 mil. The projection shows that we will grow for the next 10 years. If we do not pass this operating levy we will have to discuss operating cuts. This will be the lowest levy proposed. Our community is at a decision point. A successful levy will allow the addition to the elementary school and the operating needs will be met. If unsuccessful, we will be out of time to make changes to the elementary school and the modular units will be used for 10 years. We will also have to come back as a district in 2022 to address our operating needs. The 2022 levy would be an operating levy at likely 6.9 mil. How can you help? Stay focused on what is best for the kids.

Principal Dave Kennedy's Report:

Homecoming dance is Saturday. Purchase tickets online. Spirit week has been going well. The kids in the high school actually help the staff as they go about the daily routine. The students are off to a great start. There will be a pep assembly on Friday. The administration and staff are doing all they can to try to make this a great year for the students. The parade will be at 5:30 starting at the pharmacy. If necessary, the rain date for the homecoming dance is September 25th. The next big event is our day of service. It is the day that the staff and students commit to serving others. The day of service is scheduled for September 23rd. Due to the current Covid environment, the day of service is going to be moved to spring. Currently, some organizations are not allowing volunteers due to the current covid numbers. Clubs are starting to meet again in person. This has been great for the students. It has been such a benefit for the students to be able to meet with their clubs during the day at school. Parent teacher conferences are in October.

Dave would like to discuss some incentives for teachers as special "thank you's". Tina will be looking at the available budget for this.

Counselor's Vince Rahnfeld's Report:

Cookies with counselors (counselors meet with new students) happened this week. Tonight there is a zoom meeting for financial aid attending from Xavier University. This meeting is targeted for parents of 11-12 graders. Parent meetings were held for Juniors and Seniors. We will be meeting with each senior student soon. Having the zoom meeting option has been very helpful and these individual meetings will likely be held over zoom so that more parents can attend. College Application workshops will be coming up and these are held during common time in the PLC. We will be doing 2 of these a month through December. College reps are coming in. Yesterday we had a rep from Dennison and one from Alabama. 11th grade students are invited to come to the college rep meetings. We will be meeting with all juniors to discuss their secondary plans. Individual meetings with sophomores and freshmen will be held in the spring. Zoom meetings have been helpful in trying to accommodate schedules

PSAT Day. October 13th. This is a national date. All juniors will be taking the PSAT. This test helps prepare students for college testing. This is a national merit qualifier for 11th grade. 10th graders have the option to take this. 50-75% of 10th graders take this test. The advantage to taking the test as an 11th grader is that it is a low-pressure way to experience what taking the test is like. For those 10th graders not taking the test, we are looking for options on how to spend the day. Freshmen will be doing CPR training. Seniors are usually using this day to shadow a professional in a field of interest or to use this time to work on college applications.

College Visits: College visits are hit or miss on campuses this year. Some colleges are allowing in person visits. Please be aware of what is happening in the city that you are scheduled college visits. The college may change their in person tours/visit structure due to covid concerns.

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Ann Ramos:

There is a LEAP event on October 19th to virtually discuss college testing and its relation to college applications. PTO Membership is up from last year. We have approximately 95 families who have joined. We will be supporting our teachers by providing conference and teacher appreciation meals.

MHS PTO Budget Report

Tina Isgrig:

We are in the green.